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IN RE APPLICATION OF:	H. R. Howard, Jr.	:	Examiner: T. McKenzie
APPLICATION NO.:	Not Yet Assigned	:	Group Art Unit: 1624
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TITLE:	Heterocyclic Carboxamides	:	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The present application is a divisional of copending application Serial No. 09/862,932, and pursues the invention of restriction Group II, directed to Claims 1-6, 8-15, as set forth in the Office Action of October 10, 2002 of the prior application. Prior to examination, Applicants request entry of the following amendment:

**In the Specification:**

Before the first line of text, please insert the text:

--This application is a division of Serial No. 09/862,932, filed May 2, 2001, which was a divisional of Serial No. 09/291,352, filed April 14, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,277,852, which claimed the benefit of Serial No. 60/081,790, filed April 15, 1998.—

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 7 and 16-24, without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

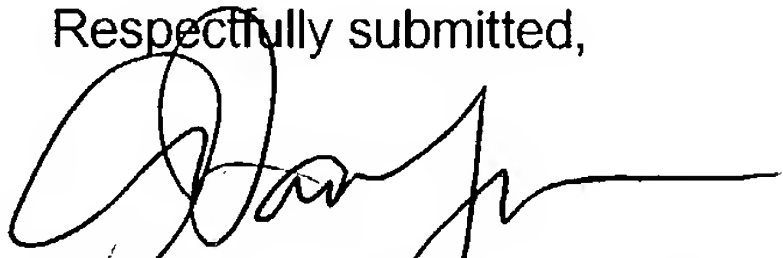
The present application is a divisional of Serial No. 09/862,932, filed May 2, 2001. Applicants have amended the claims to cancel claims 7 and 16-24, without prejudice, in order to pursue the claims of inventive Group II, *i.e.*, drawn to Claims 1-6, 8-15, drawn to piperidines of group  $G^2$ ,  $G^3$  (where p is 2),  $G^4$  (where p is 2) and  $G^6$  (where p is 2). which are limited in accordance with the Restriction Requirement of the parent application. The Examiner had imposed a restriction requirement in the prior application and divided the subject matter of the present application into seven groups. This amendment adds no new matter to the present application.

A favorable response is earnestly solicited.

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